

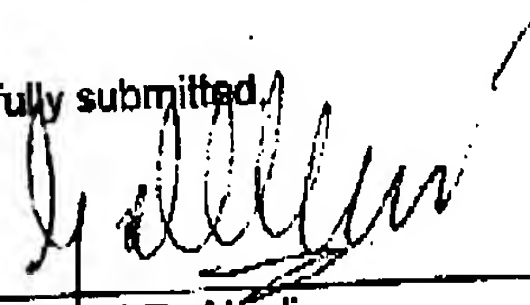
REMARKS

As presented above, Claims 1-3, 5, 8, 9 and 11 which are in the application have been advanced to a condition for allowance. Claims 8 and 9 were nonetheless rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. More specifically Claims 8 and 9 are rejected for failing to further limit Claim 1. Applicants traverse the rejection because the skilled artisan would readily ascertain the scope of Claims 8 and 9 and distinguish them from Claim 1. More specifically, the skilled artisan would readily ascertain the metes and bounds of what are essentially composition of matter claims reciting the term condensation agent, and the term peptide coupling agent. As such, Claims 8 and 9 are definite and meet the requirements of 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the claims remaining in the application are in a condition for allowance, and therefore pray for their allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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